

## d'Estaing addresses nation

PARIS, March 11 (AP). — Addressing the nation on the eve of crucial elections, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing warned today that a widely predicted leftist victory would threaten France's economy and international position. "Think about it," he said in a 10-minute television talk. "I must warn you, so you can't say later that you were deceived. You worry about the reputation of your families. I ask you to worry also about the reputation of France." His intervention reflected concern over opinion polls that predict a majority for France's uncertain socialist-communist alliance in Sunday's first round of voting.

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## Brzezinski protests Jewish pressure

WASHINGTON, March 11 (Agencies). — Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, was reported yesterday to have told a top Carter aide, Mr. Hamilton Jordan, that there was a "question mark" hanging over President Carter and particularly over his National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski. Dr. Brzezinski protested in an interview that his critics were saying "If you don't agree with us, we're going to stamp you as an anti-Semite." Mr. Brzezinski described the attacks on him as a "subtle kind of pressure" part of a public and private campaign of "intimidation" launched by American Jewish leaders.

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## Weizman says Carter renewed commitment to Israel's security

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP). — Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said last night that U.S. President Jimmy Carter had given him a renewed commitment for Israel's security despite some current strains in relations. "Nothing is 100 per cent watertight," Mr. Weizman said after calling at the White House. "But I think that in principle, security-wise we see eye-to-eye and I hope we will see more eye-to-eye."

A majority of the House of Representatives International Relations Committee yesterday asked Mr. Carter to withdraw his plan to sell jet fighter planes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

In a letter, 21 of the committee's 37 members said the plan "could have an adverse impact on the peace negotiations during this delicate period."

Mr. Weizman, at a press conference concluding his four-day visit, registered his objections to the Carter administration's strategy of tying the proposed sale of 90 jets to Israel with 50 for Egypt and 60 for Saudi Arabia.

He contended that the packaging approach was wrong because the United States is separately committed to weapons delivery to Israel under the 1974 agreement in which Israel withdrew from portions of the Sinai desert.

Mr. Weizman said, however, he would rather have Israel receive its 15 F-15 Eagles and 75 F-16 jets than have Congress block arms shipments to Egypt and Saudi Arabia by vetoing the entire package.

The former Israeli air force chief said he and President Carter did not discuss the weapons sales specifically but reviewed Israel's military situation otherwise.

"He reiterated American responsibility in the defence of Israel and our security, which was quite important and quite pleasant to listen to," Mr. Weizman said.

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## Vance meets with Nkomo, Mugabe

WASHINGTON, March 11 (Agencies). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance bopped today to persuade two guerrilla leaders to sit down and talk about a compromise settlement of the Rhodesian conflict.

Mr. Vance was scheduled to meet with Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, the leaders of the Patriotic Front guerrillas who have rejected the "internal settlement" signed March 3 by the white minority government of Ian Smith and black nationalist leaders.

It was announced yesterday by British Foreign Secretary David Owen that Britain and the U.S. will try to bring Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith and the Patriotic Front leaders to the negotiating table.

The announcement went some way to dispelling rumours of a split between the British and American governments. These were fed by Mr. Owen's abrupt departure from Washington after talks with Mr. Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday, and by criticism of Britain by Mr. Young.

President Jimmy Carter said this week that he hoped to bring the guerrilla leaders and the "internal" nationalist groups together in a conference to see whether the internal settlement can be modified to satisfy the guerrilla groups.

Mr. Carter reiterated that the U.S. cannot support the internal settlement as it now stands because it does not include all the nationalist groups and thus has little chance of bringing lasting peace to the country.

The leader of the internal groups, Methodist Bishop Abel Muzorewa, said the internal agreement accomplished the main objective of the national-

# Palestinians wreak havoc in Israel

## Fateh reports 33 Israeli troops killed

BEIRUT, March 11 (R). — A Palestinian military spokesman said guerrillas killed at least 33 Israeli soldiers in heavy fighting near Tel Aviv today. The spokesman for Fateh, the biggest organisation within the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said several groups had launched a major operation in the region at 6:40 p.m. (16:40 GMT) and fighting was continuing three hours later.

In a communique issued by the Palestine news agency Wafa, the Fateh spokesman said the guerrillas were under attack by Israeli forces in helicopters and armoured vehicles but were still operating freely in the coastal area between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

## CARTER DENOUNCES TEL AVIV ATTACK

WASHINGTON, March 11 (R). — President Carter today denounced a reported attack by Arab guerrillas on an Israeli bus as an act of "senseless brutality," and sent a personal message of sympathy to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

"The terrorist attack on a bus today in Israel was an outrageous act of lawlessness and senseless brutality," Mr. Carter said in a statement issued by the White House.

"Criminal acts such as this advance no cause or political belief. They inspire only revulsion at the lack of respect for innocent human life," the president said.

The White House said Mr. Carter has been in touch with Prime Minister Begin to express his sympathy.

White House officials said the terrorist attack emphasises the importance of obtaining a permanent peace in the Middle East.

## CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT GOVERNMENT FORMED IN ITALY

ROME, March 11 (AP). — Giulio Andreotti formed an all-Christian Democrat government today that will, for the first time ever, receive Communist support in parliament.

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## Helicopters, troops mount search for guerrillas near Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, March 11 (Agencies). — Israeli police said today that Palestinian guerrillas came ashore in rubber boats on the Israeli coast today and set off an explosion in a hijacked bus full of people on a pleasure outing.

One eyewitness said the back of the blasted bus was filled with mangled and charred corpses. But Israeli censors declined to permit immediate publication of the number killed.

The attackers came in on rubber dinghies, beached near a kibbutz on the Mediterranean 25 kms. south of Haifa and 60 kms. north of Tel Aviv, and assaulted two buses.

They ordered the more than 60 Israelis onto one vehicle then forced it to drive 48 kms. south along the Tel Aviv-Haifa coastal highway.

Persons aboard the bus said the guerrillas continually fired over their hostages' heads, and lobbed grenades and shot bursts of submachine gun rounds at passing cars.

One of the buses was carrying Israeli sightseers from a stalagmite cave. The other also carried tourists.

"We saw the bus with a wounded driver so we got off our bus to see what was happening," said Abraham, a middle-aged passenger.

"A Mercedes Benz full of terrorists came by and ordered us all into one bus. We asked them to free the wounded people, but they refused. They wanted to go to Sde Dov airport (in north Tel Aviv). They had machineguns and rockets."

Police said the bus then drove along the road to Tel Aviv, firing at passing traffic.

Near the town of Hadera, a

police jeep tried to intercept it but the bus raced on after a heavy exchange of fire.

The bus was finally halted by police marksmen who shot out its tyres near a country club 12 kms. from the city. The guerrillas leapt out, firing as they went, and set off a bomb among their hostages, police said. It was not clear, however, exactly what had happened.

"I saw a swarthy man jump off and I fired at him," said a police sergeant. "They fired back. We shot it out for 20 minutes and then the bus blew up."

The guerrillas fanned out into the sand dunes as Israeli security forces were sent to the area by truck and helicopter.

Some of the guerrillas escaped into the surrounding farmland and a massive manhunt was mounted.

As the guerrillas fled into the sand dunes near the fashionable Herzlia area, home of U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, the sky was lit by flares sent up by pursuing security forces.

An Israeli Radio reporter described the scene around the bus as a "battlefield." It said bodies lay in the road, helicopters zoomed overhead, two guerrillas hid in the bushes, and the helicopter and ground troops swooped in their direction.

Medics performed on-the-spot surgery and loaded casualties onto ambulances.

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# Ethiopian troops on Somali border

NAIROBI, March 11 (Agencies). — Ethiopia's offensive in the Horn of Africa war has now brought its Soviet and Cuban backed army up to the Somali frontier, the Ethiopians said today.

Ambassador Mengistu Desta told a Nairobi news conference that the Ethiopian army was at Tug Wajale, on the frontier, following an advance eastwards from the strategic Ogaden Desert town of Jijiga.

The Ethiopian reported the recapture of Jijiga, but of the Somali forces' defence line, last Sunday.

Western diplomats in Nairobi said Jijiga's fall led to a Somali rout and Mr. Desta told his news conference today:

"They are fleeing faster than we are chasing them."

Father oorth thao Jijiga, along the vital Ethiopian rail link with the Red Sea coast Republic of Djibouti, according to the Ethiopian Radio today, Aisla had also fallen in the offensive.

Ethiopia had also, last Thursday, taken another town, Biyo Kahobe, which is within 15 kms. of the Somali frontier.

WSLF leader accuses Ethiopia of massacres

The Somali guerrilla chief in the Horn of Africa today

accused the Ethiopians of the widespread massacre of civilians following their battlefield successes.

Mr. Abdulelahi Hasan, Secretary General of the Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF), said Ethiopian planes and tanks had razed villages to the ground and the Cuban and Soviet supported Ethiopians swept down across WSLF-held territory in the last week.

International aid organisations in Mogadishu said they were preparing for a huge influx of refugees and reported that thousands were streaming into northern Somalia every day.

He said the Ogaden war was continuing for years unless neighbouring Somalia agrees to Ethiopian terms for a "lasting peace."

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had cost the lives of "thousands and thousands" of Somali tribesmen.

"The two superpowers -- the United States and the Soviet Union -- have both adopted identical policies and attitudes towards this problem. The United States has approved the Soviet plan, so it doesn't matter if one was absent from the battlefield," he said.

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## Romania launches M.E. mediation mission

DAMASCUS, March 11 (AP). — Romanian Premier Manu Ilie arrived in Damascus Saturday to activate the search for a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

"There are two fundamental prerequisites for peace in the Middle East," Mr. Manu said in an airport statement. "Israel must return to its 1967 borders and accept recognising the Palestinians."

He added that Romania "will continue to support the quest for a negotiated (Middle East) settlement."

Meanwhile, in Bucharest, President Ceausescu discussed the Middle East situation with Israeli Labour party leader Shimon Peres.

## E. Germany supports Palestinians

BERLIN, March 11 (AP). — Egon Krenz, Chief of the Patriotic Liberation Organisation, held talks in East Berlin today with East German Communist leader Erich Honecker, the state news agency ADN reported. Declaring that his people were "proud of the traditional strong ties to the German Democratic Republic," Mr. Krenz told Mr. Honecker there would be no peace in the Mid-

east "without guarantees of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians," ADN said.

Mr. Honecker assured Mr. Krenz of his country's unrestricted support for his people's fight for their own statehood.

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## World News Roundup

U.S. proposal on arms rejected by USSR

MOSCOW, March 11 (AP). — The Soviet Union today rejected a U.S. proposal to foreign deployment of the controversial neutron bomb in western Europe in exchange for Soviet restraint in developing other weapons such as new mobile missiles, the Soviet news agency TASS reported. TASS repeated Soviet willingness to enter the United States in negotiating a pact to mutually renounce reduction or deployment of neutron arms -- but without involving restraints on other weapons systems.



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## Untried men being put to the test

The confrontation that many people have studiously been trying to avoid for the past decade -- between American and Israeli self-interests -- now appears to be coming out into the open. Three recent incidents dramatise this. First, there is the move by the Carter administration to make a package deal of military plane sales to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, drawing the ire of Israel and pro-Israeli forces in the United States, as demonstrated most recently by this week's letter to President Carter from a majority of the House International Relations Committee urging cancellation of the proposed sale of planes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt. The Carter administration, through Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, has said categorically that the package is to be approved as a whole or it will be withdrawn by the administration.

Second, there is the latest warning from President Carter that Security Council Resolution 242 dictates an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, which the Begin government and the Israeli Knesset as a whole disagree with.

Third, there is the statement by U.S. National Security Council Director Zbigniew Brzezinski that American Jewish leaders are waging an intimidation campaign against the administration.

The historic relationship between the American government and the pro-Israeli forces has never had room for this kind of two-way give-and-take. The emergence of the Carter administration's apparent determination to do what it feels is in the national interest of the United States, as Dr. Brzezinski put it this week, is a novelty, and a refreshing one. But lately this has been seen as a challenge by Israel and Israel's powerful friends and political hatchmen in the United States, and what we have now is a build-up of pressures on both sides that either will have to explode or be defused. Whatever happens, we are witnessing an historic change in the dynamics of power and coercion that have governed relations between the forces that want to do what is good for the United States and the world and those forces that only want to do what the Israeli government tells them to do.

These are the circumstances that usually make or break untried men such as Jimmy Carter and Zbigniew Brzezinski. Our profound hope is that they do not end up as lambs sent to the slaughter.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian newspapers Saturday examined the heavy Zionist pressure on the United States administration and the White House in the light of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's imminent visit to Washington.

AL DUSTOUR thinks that the expected meeting next week between President Jimmy Carter and Menachem Begin will be a "vital test" for the U.S. president.

"It seems that President Carter has decided, two days before Mr. Begin's visit, to defy the Jewish pressure, in the hearing of the Israeli premier. And so came President Carter's National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski's sharp statement yesterday, the first of its kind, charging that the Jewish community in the U.S. is carrying out a terror campaign against the administration, and reminding this community of the American national interests which should be cared for."

"Thus," the newspaper continues, "it appears that Washington has thrown the glove in the face of the pressure groups, to which Israel so frequently resorted and used in controlling the American decision making in respect of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

"If the American president placed his country's best interests above everything else, Mr. Begin will find himself com-

pelled to counsel reason, or to disappear from the political scene in Israel.

"If not, the American administration's 'fundamental principles' would have meant no more than mere slogans that evaporate under pressure."

Holding the same view on the Zionist pressure groups AL RA'I says that Mr. Brzezinski has admitted that he and the White House have been, and are still, experiencing an American Jewish campaign of terror since last autumn. His statement, the newspaper says, reveals many facts. The Jews are in control of the economy, information media, financial and political "public utilities" in the U.S., besides having a strong and influential lobby actively working inside the Congress. Secondly America today thinks in terms of the American national interests, in contrast with previous administrations which with rare exceptions, used to form its policy towards the Arab World from Israel's aggressive positions.

Thirdly, the Jewish lobby is leaning heavily on the White House to compel it to endorse the Israeli hardline stand. Fourth, the gap between the U.S. and Israel is deeply widening, not because the Arabs were behind it, but because the U.S. interests are diametrically opposed to Israel's aggressive and expansionist designs in the Middle East.

## New facilities will meet needs of 22,000 visitors a year at Petra

By Ian Kellas  
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 11 (JT). — By 1980 you will be able to park your helicopter close to the new hotel at Petra, climb aboard a horse-drawn carriage and trot down the "silk" to have lunch at a restaurant concealed among the pink rocks in the old city.

Detailed architectural plans for the development of tourist facilities at Petra are now complete. The consultants for the project are TAC Inc. from Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, and Jafar Tukan and Co. of Amman. They have designed an 80-room hotel, a restaurant and research centre, together with supporting facilities, to prepare Petra for the 22,000 visitors a year that are expected there after 1980.

Set some way back from the existing resthouse outside the old city of Petra, a four-star hotel will be constructed, complete with swimming pool and telex facilities. The hotel will be smarter and twice as big as the existing resthouse and will be ready by 1980.

For those whose needs are more modest a camp site is planned. It will be equipped with up to 70 tents and supplied with running water and electricity. Close by, and not far from the proposed helicopter pad, the existing visitors centre is to be rearranged and fitted out with audio-visual apparatus.

"Nazal'a camp," which is to be found actually inside the ancient city of Petra, is to be demolished.

It is true that it does not contribute greatly to the architectural assets of the ruins at the moment, but tourists are not going to be left to the rigours of Petra's noon-day sun without refreshment. A restaurant is to be built on the corner of the Wadi Al Deir, opposite the present site of Nazal's camp. It will in fact be only one part of a general purpose building which will also include a first aid station, a store, a laboratory and accommodation for visiting archaeologists.

The building is to be low-lying, constructed from local stone and multi-sided so that it will hug the contours of the rocks and be generally inconspicuous.

The idea of providing horse-drawn-carriages to convey tourists from the resthouse area to the actual ruins is not yet officially approved. One thing that is though, is that there must be no more motorised transport going down into the old city.

A request made by the bedouin who live among the ruins to be allowed to bring their cars down was one factor which prompted the government's decision to resettle them outside.

As Mr. Yousef Alami, Director of the Tourism Project told the Jordan Times, that there is no chance of the bedouin being allowed to stay in the old city. They are to be resettled outside before their nomadism and the inevitable demand for better services reach unmanageable proportions, he said.

The government has recently



Through the "silk" at Petra. In 1960 by helicopter and carriage?

called in two anthropologists from the American University of Beirut to advise about this question which has raised a certain amount of controversy.

The only opposition which had been met from the tribesmen, Mr. Alami said, was to the alternative site which the government has proposed. Plans are also being made for Jarash. The once-mooted idea of staging a large-scale cultural festival in the Southern Amphitheatre has apparently been dropped for the moment. But there are definite plans to run sound and light shows among the ruins. And these should start about nine months from now.

Besides this, a new restaurant with room for 150 people at a time is also to be built at Jarash. It should be ready for 1980. And this is likely to be followed by a hotel there too.

The existing restaurant at Jarash will apparently be pulled down eventually because it is inconveniently sited on top of some valuable ancient remains. It is only to be hoped that the same oversight will not be repeated this time -- it could be expensive.

The cost of the whole Petra-Jarash project (with the exception of the Jarash hotel which is not yet really under plan) is estimated at \$12.2 million. Nearly half of this is to be provided by the World Bank. But the rest will be financed by the government.

## Religious leaders will discuss Israeli moves in Jerusalem and occupied territories

AMMAN, March 11 (JNA). — Religious leaders representing Christians and Moslems in Jordan open a conference in Amman next Tuesday, March 14 to jointly study illegal Israeli practices in the occupied holy places and Arab territories. The Ministry of Islamic Affairs has prepared a research study on the recent Israeli measures aimed at changing the religious and geographic characters of the Holy City of Jerusalem. The research, to be reviewed by notables from both religions include Zionist plans that would lead to the demolition of a mosque, a building used by the Islamic religious court and the opening of a new gate in the wall of the old city. Jordan charged in a note published at the United Nations yesterday that Israel was planning to confiscate and demolish Arab property in the old city of Jerusalem with the aim of creating a new wailing wall. It said this involved demolition operations in four Arab quarters and the displacement of close to 3,000 people. The plans for what Israelis called "the small wailing wall" were identical to what had happened to Arab quarters adjacent to the old wailing wall following Israel's capture of the old city in 1967, the Jordanian note said. Jordan requested Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to do everything possible to "ensure a cessation of the new Israeli encroachments upon the historic structures and the people of those areas."

## Postal officials return from study trip to Britain and France

AMMAN, March 11 (JNA). — Ministry of Communications Under-Secretary Faris Al Sarayrah and Planning Director Saleh Al Tal returned home today from a ten-day visit to Great Britain and France during which they studied postal systems in large and small towns, villages and the countryside.

Mr. Sarayrah said that discussions were held with British Post Office officials on expanding technical cooperation programmes extended by the General Post Office to the Ministry.

Cooperation includes training Jordanians in technical and administrative fields and operating modern postal machines.

Discussions also dealt with strengthening technical consultations offered by the corporation to modernise post services in Jordan and especially those in small offices. The subject of printing memorial stamps, designing and marketing them was also discussed.

Mr. Sarayrah and Mr. Al Tal, during their visit to France, discussed with French officials the possibility of boosting postal cooperation between Jordan and France.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Korean Art

An exhibition of North Korean Art is showing at the Palace of Culture, Hussein Youth City. The variety of works include portraits in silk thread, photographs, various handicrafts and books and stamps. The exhibition ends today.

### Arabic Theatre

The Young Moslem Women's Association is presenting an Arabic comedy entitled "The Witness Who Saw Nothing" at the Palace of Culture. The play ends with the last performance tonight starting at 8:00 daily.

### Fashion and Jewellery

The Goethe Institute presents two exhibitions, under the patronage of H.R.H. Princess Sarvath, depicting 200 years of changing fashions and fashion jewellery. The exhibitions will open Monday at 5:00, and will run through Friday, open daily from 10-12 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

### Book Exhibition

An exhibition of university books by Longman Penguin Arab World Centre is open to the public in the University of Jordan Library from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. today is the last day.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# National News Roundup

## nan area municipal seminar opened

March 11 (JNA). — Representatives of Municipalities in towns and villages around Amman are opening session of a seminar here today. Under Secretary of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, was among several speakers who reported on the progress of the Councils to develop municipal resources and improve public services. The Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs also presented a paper dealing with planning for improving and raising social standards of rural areas.

## Officers houses distributed

March 11 (JNA). — The Administrative Fund distributed 14 new houses to officers at the project site of Hattat, the outskirts of Amman. The project is one of the 100: Attending the special ceremony for the distribution of the units were the army chief of staff, his number of high ranking army officers.

## delegation leaves for Kuala Lumpur

March 11 (JNA). — Jordan's delegation to the board of directors of the Islamic Bank in Kuala Lumpur is due to leave here Sunday for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where meetings start on March 15. The delegation is composed of the minister of finance, Governor of the Central Bank of Jordan. The discussion, among other subjects, the creation of

a fund to help Islamic communities, the election of a new board chairman and the annual report. Thirty two Arab and Islamic states participate in the capital of the Bank which has its headquarters in the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah. It has shares in the Jordan Petroleum Refinery company and its officials have expressed willingness to finance a number of Jordanian projects.

## Talhouni leaves for Cairo

AMMAN, March 11 (JNA). — The Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, Mr. Bahjat Talhouni, left for Cairo today for a week-long visit. Mr. Talhouni, who is also chairman of the Arab Parliamentary Union, will hold meetings with the chairman of the African Parliamentary Union and heads of Parliaments in African countries. Before leaving, Mr. Talhouni said that talks with the African parliamentarians will deal with ways of coordinating cooperation between the Arab and African Parliamentary Unions, and planning a joint strategy during meetings of the International Parliamentary Union.

## 13 towns celebrate March 15th

AMMAN, March 11 (JNA). — Arab Town Day will be celebrated on March 15. Thirteen Jordanian municipalities will take part in the celebration as members of the Arab Towns Organisation (ATO). They are the municipalities of Irbid, Salt, Karak, Jarash, Ramtha, Ma'an, Tafila, Aqaba, Al Huson, Zarqa, Wadi Seer, Mafraq and Madaba. The ATO's executive board, meeting at Abu Dhabi last year, decided that the Arab Town Day celebration should take place on the 15th of March annually under the slogan of "presenting the best services for the countrymen."

## Amman Stock Exchange Report

| NAME OF COMPANY                  | Price     | Volume | Opening | High   | Low    | Closing | 1st   | Last   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| Commercial and Agricultural Bank | JD 1.000  | 275    | 2.100   | 2.200  | 2.150  | 2.150   | 2.150 | —      |
| Real Mining Co.                  | JD 1.000  | 100    | 0.500   | 0.550  | 0.550  | 0.550   | —     | —      |
| Pharmaceutical Co.               | JD 5.000  | 1.200  | 12.500  | 12.500 | 12.500 | 12.500  | —     | —      |
| Aluminum Co.                     | JD 1.000  | 1.125  | 0.550   | 0.550  | 0.550  | 0.550   | 0.550 | 1.000  |
| Cement Factories                 | JD 10.000 | 1.500  | 15.500  | 15.500 | 15.500 | 15.500  | —     | 15.500 |
| Petroleum Co.                    | JD 1.000  | 575    | 6.000   | 6.000  | 6.000  | 6.000   | —     | 6.000  |
| Phosphate Mines                  | JD 1.000  | 200    | 2.100   | 2.100  | 2.100  | 2.100   | —     | —      |

## New corp. will run car parks, commercial centres

AMMAN, March 11 (JNA). — The implementation of two public service projects in mid-Amman was the subject of discussion during a meeting held by the Pension Fund Administrative Board under Minister of Finance Dr. Mohammad Daibes. The meeting discussed cooperation between the Amman Municipality on one hand and the Housing Bank and the Pension Fund on the other, to implement the two projects of building car parking places and commercial shops and offices in the Shabab street and the Prince Mohammad street area respectively. The Council agreed in principle to set up a corporation, in collaboration with the Amman Municipality, to be authorised to carry out and administer these two projects on modern commercial bases. The overall cost of the two projects is estimated at JD 6 million.

## Dutch archaeologist lectures here

AMMAN, March 11 (JNA). — The Director of the Palestinian Antiquities Institute at Holland's Leyden University, Dr. Hank Frankeo the Delir Alla excavations in the Jordan Valley, this evening gave a lecture on the Dutch archaeological mission's excavations in Deir Alla area.

## People and Places

### New cult bridges Indo-Arab cultures

Visiting Amman last week for some recording sessions at Jordan Television was the Indian star of stage and screen, Raj Kumar. Famous as a poet and singer, Raj Kumar, whose real name is Khan Akbar Haji Mung, was born in Bombay where he studied Arabic to Master's degree level. His specialty is Indo-Arab songs which bridge the musical and cultural differences between India and the Arab World. He has travelled extensively throughout the Middle East being well received by audiences from Morocco to Bahrain.

Raj Kumar says that differences in musical styles, Indian music being generally faster paced than the Arabic, and the importance of the "oud" which the Indians do not use, do not make life difficult at all. Dropping into Arabic at every opportunity Raj Kumar says his songs are popular in the Arab World and he professes a love for the Arabs and their countries. He is now living in Cairo, where, when he is not studying for his Ph.D. in Islamic Philosophy at Cairo University he is filming his first Arabic feature production, "Strangers but relatives", directed by the well known Egyptian film-maker, Youssef Ramses. Co-starring with an Egyptian actor Raj Kumar develops the theme of friendship between India and the Arabs which is portrayed through the friendship of two young men who share sacrifices in love and life.

While in Jordan, Raj Kumar was looking at some possible locations for filming here. He thinks Petra would make a good backdrop for filming one of his songs. This was not his first visit to Jordan. In 1974 when he was last here he performed before King Hussein and dedicated one of his songs to His Majesty.

### Dramatic reverse on the football pitch

The rot has already set in at the British Embassy. Wi-

th football stalwart Brian Stewart not yet out the door on his way to a new posting in London, the Embassy soccer team was thrashed 5-0 by a West German Embassy team on the pitch at Al Hussein Youth City this week. The German team first played together last February 20th, when they lost to the British 2-0. Mr. Stewart would like to ascribe this week's turnaround in fortunes to his own absence from the field but I understand that the real reason is the way the German team set about serious training after the first game.

Drawing players from as far away as Aqaba, and coached by German Sports specialist Manfred Herwig, they are determined to be a force to be reckoned with in local expatriate football circles. Herr Herwig is in fact attached to the Ministry of Culture and Youth and is mainly occupied with coaching the national basketball team.

Of the German team's five goals he scored two, Wagner two and Debelius one. There is a feeling in town that there are now enough teams to institute a league of sorts but to any case football seems to be catching on and as Herr Herwig says "they are all friendly games and serve more to develop sporting and social contacts between different groups of Amman's growing expatriate community rather than being a serious matter of national prestige."

### New Guide under preparation

Jordan's rise in the international tourism market will get a boost this fall with the publication of a Jordan guide by the well known Fodor series of travel books. Here for two weeks to write the Jordan volume is Kay Shawker, Tennessee, born and raised but of Lebanese parentage ("Kay" has long ago taken over from her given name of Khalida). The Jordan guide is scheduled to come out this autumn, and will be the fifth in the Fodor Middle East series, joining volumes on Egypt, Israel, Turkey and Iran. Kay is not new to the

## By John Bonar

Middle East travel guide writing business, as she had previously done books on Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, published by the Librairie du Liban in Beirut, as well as a single-volume Pan Am Guide to the Arab Middle East. When she's not doing guide books, Kay is the Special Projects Editor for Travel Weekly, the leading travel and tourism industry newspaper (published twice weekly) in the United States and Canada.

### Overworked TV faces

If you think the number of announcers reading the news and introducing programmes to the English language section have got fewer in the last ten days you are right.

I understand some of the girls who used to grace our screens are "resting" leaving only two stalwarts to run the show. It's not clear what JTV are doing about the situation which seems to have developed rather rapidly before the station had even hired any of the reporters, newsmen and news editors it was advertising heavily for a few months ago.

Meanwhile it's nice to see Radio Jordan is not reducing its female staff. Friday particularly seems to be given over to the ladies with Gada Haddadin on the "Morning Show", Rima Azar's "Listener's Choice", Nadia Sukhtian's "Jordan Weekly", Pat Pengilly's "Faces and Places", and Maha Boulos with "My Kind of Music."

### A gift from China

Professor Liang Dan-fong, the Chinese artist who held an exhibition in Amman last week also brought with her, as a present to His Majesty King Hussein, a huge traditional Chinese painting measuring at least one by two metres, which represents bamboos and birds. It is painted only with Chinese ink and shades of blue, acquiring thus a quality of lightness and gracefulness. She presented this painting to Mr. Michael Hamarneh who in turn will present it to His Majesty.

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# Industrial nations pledge to ease loan terms to Third World

GENEVA, Switzerland, March 11 (AP). — Industrial states today promised developing nations they would seek lower terms for outstanding development loans or take other measures to increase the net flow of their development aid money.

But the creditors in the 117-nation board of the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) refused to give any commitment on cancelling Third World debts. They insisted that it remained each donor state's responsibility to determine which country it considered entitled to loan adjustment and the degree by which aid flow to it should be increased.

The promise to "seek to adopt measures" was the only substantive agreement between creditor and Third World debtor states obtained in the board, where the issue was discussed for one week.

Reached after a final full night of negotiations between the two sides, the agreement took the form of a board resolution which also called on UNCTAD Secretary General Gamani Corea to convene an inter-governmental experts group to work out recommendations on the debt issue for the next full UNCTAD conference in

Manila, Philippines, in 1979. The developing countries have urged debt relief — waiving debt service payments and cancelling debts — as part of a new international economic order. Their proposals have not been withdrawn.

Most industrialized Western nations feel debts must be honoured, and when they reach crisis proportions and hamper a country's effort for economic development the country should be helped with additional flows of aid. The industrialized states' proposal spelling out the respective guidelines on what to do about such debts is also still before UNCTAD.

Both proposals will serve as documents for the consideration of the inter-governmental experts group. It appeared almost certain that the gulf on debts between the rich and poor nations, first apparent in the North-South talks in Paris last summer, will reappear in Manila.

Using reports from developing countries, UNCTAD estimated

the total Third World debt has reached \$250 billion. Some Western delegates feel the figure is too high because it contains short term trade credits of about \$60 billion which cannot be considered as an external debt.

## Venezuela aims for new oil finds with major investment programme

By Hector Lopez

CARACAS, (R). — Faced with the need to find new deposits of good quality crude oil and to boost output at existing fields, Venezuela has announced a major oil investments programme.

For the first time since it became an oil exporter more than 50 years ago, there appear to be no more deposits of light and medium-grade crudes left to discover in easily accessible locations.

The plans drawn up by the state oil holding company Petroleos de Venezuela (Petroven) call for starting exploration in offshore areas this year.

Through intensive exploitation of traditional deposits in and around Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela has long ranked among the world's top oil producers.

### Reserves

Even though it has potential reserves to last another 50 to 100 years at the current rate of extraction, proven recoverable reserves would last 18 to 20 years.

Proven reserves stand at 18 billion barrels, of which only 22 per cent are light crudes and 31 per cent are medium grade crudes.

These command better prices and more readily marketable than the heavy crudes which make up the bulk of Venezuela's reserves and are difficult to extract and refine.

Before oil prices shot up and an output ceiling of 2.2 million barrels daily was introduced by the Venezuelan government three years ago, nearly four million barrels and recoverable reserves were expected to last only eight years.

The low level of proven re-

serves resulted from the government's refusal to grant new concessions to private oil companies as from 1958, and from declining investments in exploration by these oil operators as most of their concessions were due to expire within a few years.

New deposits discovered since the oil nationalisation in January, 1976, have not matched the volume of oil being extracted.

Deposits containing 200 million barrels — about one quarter of annual output — were discovered last year.

### Exploration drive

To reverse this trend, Petroven plans to double investment on exploration this year, to \$250 million.

It also plans to double investments aimed at offsetting the decline in yields at existing deposits, which last year fell by 500,000 barrels daily or 20 per cent of overall output.

"The fall in output potential calls for a major new exploration drive," retired General Rafael Alfonso Ravard, head of Petroven, said recently.

To keep up its extraction and refining capacity, Petroven plans to invest an overall \$20 billion over the next decade.

Petroven's investments have climbed from \$280 million in the first year after nationalisation to \$500 million last year, and are expected to double again to one billion dollars this year.

Prospects for increasing proven reserves under this programme were good, General Ravard said.

There are partly proven reserves of about 12 billion barrels in traditional areas and

potential reserves of between 10 and 40 billion barrels in off-shore areas.

To this must be added about 70 billion barrels of recoverable oil in the Orinoco tar belt, which would be exploited at a later stage.

100 years of oil

"Venezuela could remain a major oil exporter for the next 100 years," Senor Ravard said.

Off-shore exploration is expected to start next August at three areas in the continental shelf: The Gulf of Vela, 450 kms. (280 miles) west of here, the Golfo Triste, 200 kms. (124 miles) west and the Orinoco River Delta 800 kms. (about 500 miles), to the east of Caracas.

Venezuela hopes its experience with drilling in Lake Maracaibo will prove useful in offshore exploration, which will involve greater risks and will be more expensive than exploration in traditional areas.

Petroven is seeking offshore technology from the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain, China, Argentina, Mexico, Ecuador and Trinidad-Tobago.

Britain has been the most active so far in seeking to secure contracts under Venezuela's new oil investments programme, having sent a team here last month to offer North Sea oil technology.

## U.S. federal marshals move into mining areas carrying court orders

WASHINGTON, March 11 (R). — Hundreds of federal marshals fanned out across coal mining areas yesterday, carrying court papers ordering America's 160,000 miners to halt a 95-day strike.

If the miners obey, some mines could resume production late Monday. But many are defiant and vow they will not return to the pits until they are offered a better labour contract. Government officials were concerned that illegal picket lines might be thrown around some mines on Monday, and that violent confrontations might follow.

President Carter has already appealed to state governors to maintain order. Some states have promised to call out their national guard reserve troops to put down any violence.

## Iraq urges currency basket for oil pricing

KUWAIT, March 11 (AP). — Iraq's Finance Minister Dr. Fawzi Qaisi today called for the replacement of the U.S. dollar by a basket of currencies as the unit for setting oil prices on arrival here to attend a meeting of the Arab Economic Unity Council.

He added that Iraq would accept payment in dollars for its oil, provided the price was fixed on the basis of the basket of currencies.

"The safest alternative for oil pricing is a basket of currencies, to be chosen in an objective way, to bring fluctuations to a minimum," he said.

Dr. Qaisi said his country was losing ten per cent of its oil income as well as ten per cent in the value of its dollar deposits, as a result of the decline in the value of the dollar.

## Kurdish rebels fear Iraqi army offensive

BEIRUT, March 11 (R). — Kurdish guerrillas fighting the Iraqi army have claimed that the Baghdad government has begun calling up reservists in preparation for a spring offensive against rebels in the rugged mountains of Kurdistan.

A statement by the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) received in Beirut today claimed preparations for the offensive included the call-up to active service of all reservists for army, police, border guard, security and intelligence services who were born in 1949, 1950 and 1952.

No independent confirmation of the call-up was available in Beirut.

Meanwhile the Iraqi government has allocated 795 million dinars (about \$3.385 million) for development projects in the predominantly Kurdish autonomous area of north Iraq.

## Weekly Wall Street Report Strong rally closes week on hopeful note

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP). — Wall Street will be keeping a close watch on U.S. government efforts to deal with the coal strike over the next few days, hoping for news to reinforce the stock market rally that began in the past week.

At the weekend, federal marshals began delivering back-to-work orders in arrest of the United States where coal mines have been shut down for more than three months by a United Mine Workers strike.

As the stock market closed Friday afternoon, it wasn't yet clear how much resistance to the orders there would be among the miners.

"If the coal miners choose to obey the Taft-Hartley injunction, we could have a brighter outlook," said Larry Wachtel at Bache Halsey Stuart Shields. "If not, the market will probably remain in its winter-thaw torpor."

Stock prices closed out the past week on a hopeful note. Thanks mainly to a strong rally on Friday, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial climbing 11.27 to 758.58 for its best weekly showing so far in 1978.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained .81 to 49.48, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 2.26 to 125.35.

Big bond volume averaged 21.61 million shares a day, against 20.23 million the week before.

The Carter administration warned last week that the coal strike could soon begin to have a serious impact on economic activity.

Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal told the House Budget Committee that as many as 1 million people could be out of work if the walkout continues into April.

But analysts suggested that it was not so much the short-run economic impact of the strike that might be bothering investors. A time-honoured Wall Street axiom cautions "never sell on strike news," since lost business is often made up in a "catch-up" period following a strike's settlement.

In this case, however, followers of the market say the strike has raised some special issues of concern to investors.

The first, as kidon A. Grimmer at Birt, Wilson and Co. pointed out, involves President Carter's energy program.

Grimmer noted that the energy program seems to have prompted doubts about whether it is a desirable or desirable to much emphasis on coal. The nation's energy plans a far ways to go.

In addition, brokers in walkout, along with the winter weather that hit the nation in January, has made it difficult to gauge the progress of the economy at a time when market is particularly about the possibility of a new slowdown.

"The coal strike, and lesser extent, harsh winter, has shrouded the direction of the economy in a dense fog," Albert H. Cox Jr., President Merrill Lynch Economic in his latest bulletin.

"Obviously, business has been, and will be, badly depressed by the strike. Just as obviously, it will be abnormally after these temporary setbacks are behind us."

"It may be as late as before basic economic begin to emerge once Joseph J. McInnes, Vice President and Director of Argus Corp., said the strike has "distorted and exaggerated what he believes to be a genuine economic slump."

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

| Jordan                        | Buying |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| U.S. dollar                   | 312.00 |
| U.K. sterling                 | 591.00 |
| W. German mark                | 151.00 |
| Swiss franc                   | 160.00 |
| French franc                  | 36.00  |
| Italian lire (for every 100)  | 63.00  |
| Japanese yen (for every 100)  | 122.00 |
| Dutch guilder                 | 141.00 |
| Belgian franc (for every ten) | 98.00  |
| Swedish crown                 | 67.00  |

## A rose by any other name would cost much more

In the animal world females often use smells to attract males. It's basically the same in the human world. It just costs a lot more.

By Dave Mann

LONDON, (F.T.). — A few years ago women who wore perfume breakfasted on caviar, travelled in chauffeur driven limousines, and wintered in the Bahamas.

Now that has changed. Any self-respecting woman with a few pounds, Deutschmarks or francs to rub together can afford to splash out on scent. Perfume, once the hallmark of the rich and exclusive, has become accessible.

The breakthrough came three years ago when the cosmetics firm Revlon launched a perfume called "Charlie" in the U.K. It was cleverly marketed as a smell designed for independent, casual girls who had a dash of sophistication and sales were better than even Revlon had dared hope.

### Price-cutting for clients

Within months other cosmetics firms were preparing their own low-priced ranges of fashion perfumes. The hunt was on for the most alluring smell of all at a price that anyone could afford.

That hunt is now a multi-million pound business. Marketing experts say that the trade in fashion perfumes was worth at least \$80 m. last year and this year they say the figure will top the £115 m. mark.

Now the shelves in perfume departments in stores and chemists are jammed solid with the perfumes, colognes and toilette waters that manufacturers say can transform a girl's life in an instant.

### Advertising targets

The names are carefully thought out — each one has to sum up the image so carefully nurtured by the newspaper and television adverts.

For instance Blase, by Max Factor, is aimed at girls with a penchant for denim, who know how to take care of themselves. Y, pronounced "ee", by Yves St. Laurent, is designed for dark and intelligent ladies and Rive Gauche is just right for bubbly career girls.

The perfume adverts describe the products with what can only be called poetic licence. One has the "essence of feminine fragrance for which men must fall"; another is "tempting and provocative"; another is a "floral fantasy to make even the dullest day bright."

Even if one dismisses these exaggerations of the admen, there is still no doubt that at perfume is fulfilling a deep need for the millions of women who buy it weekly.

### Attracting the male

Although many insist that they do not wear perfume to attract men — the explanations vary from "it cheers me up" to "it makes me feel good" — most psychologists believe that the explanation is

simple.

One said that it was a trait of the female of a species to use smell for sexual reasons. He said that in the animal world it was common for females to use smells to attract the male — "It is quite probable that perfume is fulfilling the same role for women," he said.

One expert however, a woman who has bought all the perfume for a London store for more than 10 years, agreed with this conclusion: "Oh yes, I would agree that women wear perfume because of men. There wouldn't be much point in using it otherwise would there?"

Perfume, according to her, gives a woman a distinctive identity. "I wear one perfume. I use the cologne, the toilette water, the bath soap. When I walk into a room people know it's me. It is my signature."

The latest craze, she said, was for heavy, sweet smells. "They use a lot of musk and patchouli and I don't think it suits most women. I prefer a lighter scent."

### Scent variations

Strange though it may seem to the uninitiated, perfume is a very temperamental substance. "The smell can change if you eat foreign food. It will change, sometimes very subtly, because it reacts with the skin and if your own skin chemistry changes then so will the reaction of the perfume with your skin."

"I think women are still unsure about how much perfume to use and which one to use. Each woman should think about her character. If she's a quiet one perfume will suit her. If she's bouncy then she will need another one."

She gets a lot of men coming in to buy perfume for their wives or girl friends and we always try and find out what the lady is like. We don't often get it wrong."

### Getting what you pay for

Women should realise, she added, that the same common sense rules applied to perfume as to any other commodity. "No one should be fooled by the blurb in the adverts. You get what you pay for and although a lot of the cheaper perfumes are very good the best are, in my opinion anyway, still the most expensive."

"The French have been doing it a long time and they use the best ingredients..."

Whatever the merits of the newcomers compared to the long established classics of France one thing is certain: The adverts, filled with beautiful women being chased by Adonis-type men, will become even more fantastic.

But then fantasy is very much part of the allure of perfume.

— Financial Times News-Features

## Towns for sale

By Peggy Andersen

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP). — Want to buy a piece of the United States — like a whole town on the last frontier? Alaska has two prospects on the market.

The 96-hectare townsite of Cantwell, 298 kms. north of Anchorage and a stone's throw from Mount McKinley, is going for \$795,000. The business district of Northway, just off the Alaska Highway 80 kms. from the Canadian border, is offered for one million dollars.

Both communities boast excellent hunting and fishing. Cantwell, with access by road, rail and air, includes a cafe, liquor store, laundromat, airstrip, gas station, propane distributorship and the Longhorn Bar — site of the town's only telephone.

The buyer would not get the Alaska railroad right-of-way, the road or the nearby eskimo cemetery.

Some 300 people live in the area, including staff for a nearby reindeer research station. Cantwell is near proposed dam sites on the Sustina River. The exploratory phase of that hydroelectric project is due to begin this spring. Sizeable deposits of copper, limestone and gypsum lie within five miles of the town.

The current owners, four businessmen who bought the town at a bankruptcy sale in June, 1976, by putting \$135,000 down and picking up a \$465,000 mortgage, say their own businesses kept them too busy to develop Cantwell.

George Cornelius of Strout Realty in Anchorage says he has never tried to sell a town before. Cantwell has been on the market only six weeks, and Cornelius says he has had several offers — two from Alaska and others from Los Angeles, New York and elsewhere.

Northway lies on the route of a proposed pipeline of Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Co., which will carry Prudhoe Bay Gas to Midwestern markets. Metropolitan Realty, which is handling the sale of the town, reports deposits of copper, molybdenum and gold within a 95-km. radius.

## Non-filter cigarettes are on their way out

WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina, (AP). — Some of America's oldest cigarette brands may soon be only memories, because fewer and fewer smokers want short, strong, unfiltered cigarettes.

Manufacturer P. Lorillard held a retirement ceremony for Old Gold Regulars in December.

Non-filters were the only cigarettes on the market until 25 years ago, when filtered brands entered the picture.

Don Fought, Marketing Manager for Camel Regulars, has projections which show when it will no longer be profitable to keep manufacturing them. The date is his secret.

"It's a very nice, steady decline," Mr. Fought says. "I can predict, almost to the cigarette, what it will be next year."

Unfiltered Camels — introduced in 1913 — now represent 3 per cent of the overall cigarette sales market, said Mr. Fought. Comparative figures were not available on the market share of other unfiltered brands.

The reason that sale of Camel Regulars is dropping is simple: Each year more of the older smokers are dying off, and younger smokers are not taking their place.

"We're in an evolution," Mr. Fought explained. "Non-filter evolved to filters. Fuller flavour filters are evolving to lighter, low-tar filters."

"Non-filters will be around for a number of years. But it's a given fact that non-filter cigarettes will be off the market in some point of time."

## THE Sunday Crossword

(formerly The New York Herald Tribune Crossword)

Edited by Herb Etkenson

### PEOPLE ARE FUNNY

By Henry Rank

| ACROSS      | DOWN             |
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| 1 Funny guy | 38 Check         |
| 2 Snake     | 39 Jimmy         |
| 3 Snake     | 40 from the      |
| 4 Snake     | 41 you           |
| 5 Snake     | 42 Caught red-   |
| 6 Snake     | 43 hand-         |
| 7 Snake     | 44 Alford-       |
| 8 Snake     | 45 Gaffer        |
| 9 Snake     | 46 Julius        |
| 10 Snake    | 47 Belmont       |
| 11 Snake    | 48 Vase          |
| 12 Snake    | 49 Shine         |
| 13 Snake    | 50 "Call Me"     |
| 14 Snake    | 51 "Call Me"     |
| 15 Snake    | 52 Thus          |
| 16 Snake    | 53 O.C. group    |
| 17 Snake    | 54 Ford's bio?   |
| 18 Snake    | 55 Orchestral    |
| 19 Snake    | 56 Try           |
| 20 Snake    | 57 1980's        |
| 21 Snake    | 58 Singer        |
| 22 Snake    | 59 Certain       |
| 23 Snake    | 60 Card          |
| 24 Snake    | 61 100 Condiment |
| 25 Snake    | 62 Partner       |
| 26 Snake    | 63 Japanese      |
| 27 Snake    | 64 Workman       |
| 28 Snake    | 65 Vase          |
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| 63 Snake    | 100 member       |

### Diagramless

17 X 17, by Harriet Miller

| ACROSS        | DOWN          |
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| 1 Wise man    | 38 O'Flaherty |
| 2 Slide post  | 39 Walked     |
| 3 of a door   | 40 Play part  |
| 4 way         | 41 Mile cat   |
| 5 Serve food  | 42 Compass    |
| 6 Growup      | 43 direction  |
| 7 Grindons    | 44 — out      |
| 8 Teeth       | 45 (makes do) |
| 9 Spheres of  | 46 — Maria    |
| 10 action     | 47 — Maria    |
| 11 Story in   | 48 Auxiliary  |
| 12 parts      | 49 Compares   |
| 13 Simpson    | 50 Suite      |
| 14 Noose trap | 51 sections   |
|               | 52 French     |
|               | 53 decree     |
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# Today: French general elections

PARIS, March 11 (R). — The 491 deputies who will sit in the next French National Assembly, to be elected on March 19, will be elected on what is officially termed a Two-Ballot, Uninominal Majority System.

This means that a first ballot will be held on tomorrow, Sunday, March 12, in which 491 separate contests will be held in as many constituencies in France and its overseas territories, with a total of 4,285 candidates.

Any candidate who wins an absolute majority (half of the votes cast plus one) will be elected outright.

Because of the high number of candidates — an average of nine for each seat — it is doubtful that as many as 40 will be elected on the first ballot.

Eligible for the second ballot will be any candidate who has won at least 12.5 per cent of the votes in the first poll. The candidate with the largest number of votes in the second poll, no matter what the percentage received, will be elected.

Most of the political manoeuvring will take place between the two polls when opposing candidates of the same camp

will stand down and ask their supporters to vote for the best-placed candidate closest to their opinions.

The Gaullists and their rivals within the majority, the U.D.F. centre-right alliance, have already agreed to stand down in favour of the best placed candidate from their camp for the second round.

The Socialists have said they will do the same for the Communists wherever a Communist candidate does better than a Socialist in the first ballot.

The Communists have yet to make a similar commitment. Back in January, before the election campaign moved into top gear, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing made a speech in Burgundy on what he considered the right choice for France.

This choice was support for the Gaullists, Republicans and Centreists and rejection of the left and its government programme, which the president believes would spell economic disaster and disrepute for France in the eyes of foreigners.

Since then, M. Giscard d'Estaing has issued several discreetly phrased reminders, but his intervention has been low key and he has refrained from

specific references to the competing political parties.

Perhaps ominously for the government coalition, the president's earlier guidance to the nation produced little impact on the opinion polls, whose publication has been banned since last Sunday. For months, the left, although bitterly divided, has held a clear lead of five or six percentage points.

The first round tomorrow will show whether the opinion polls — which have an impressive track record in France — are correct, and the desire for change after 20 years of rule by the Gaullists and their allies is still the predominant sentiment of the voters.

The leftist parties are still bitterly divided over their plan to introduce an ambitious programme of nationalisations which would put nine major industrial corporations and the entire banking and credit system under state ownership. The Communists have added 729 subsidiaries to their list.

Socialists and Communists agree that the statutory minimum wage should go up by 37 per cent immediately to 2,400 francs a month, and they plan generous increases in family allowances, pensions, and un-



French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing



Premier Raymond Barre of France



M. Jacques Chirac, Mayor of Paris and leader of the Gaullist Rally for the Republic

employment benefits.

If the programme is implemented France would have the most extensive public sector of any major Western democracy.

The parties have been working all out to secure maximum support tomorrow, so they will have enough bargaining power to make advantageous political deals with their allies in time for the final round.



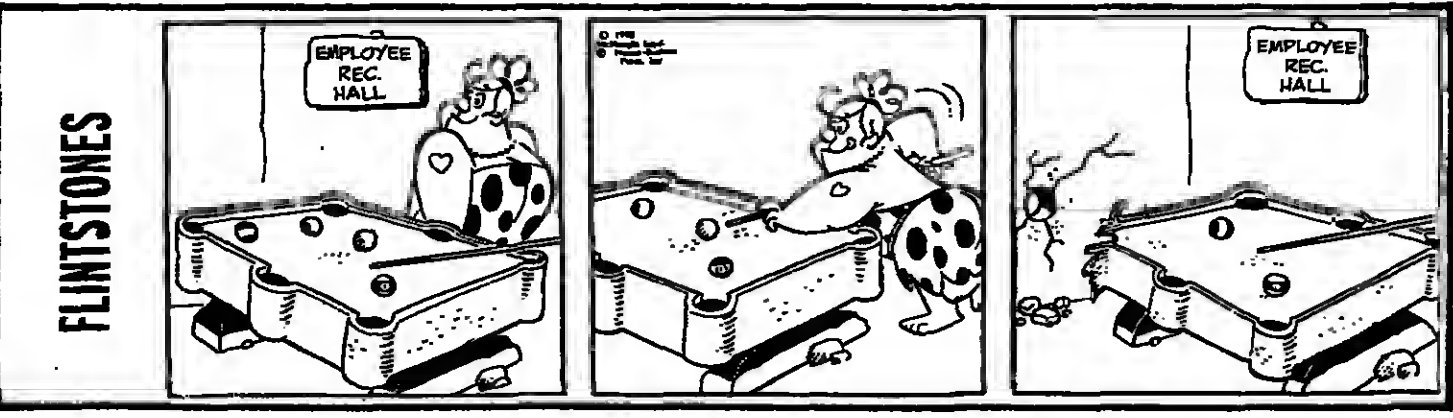
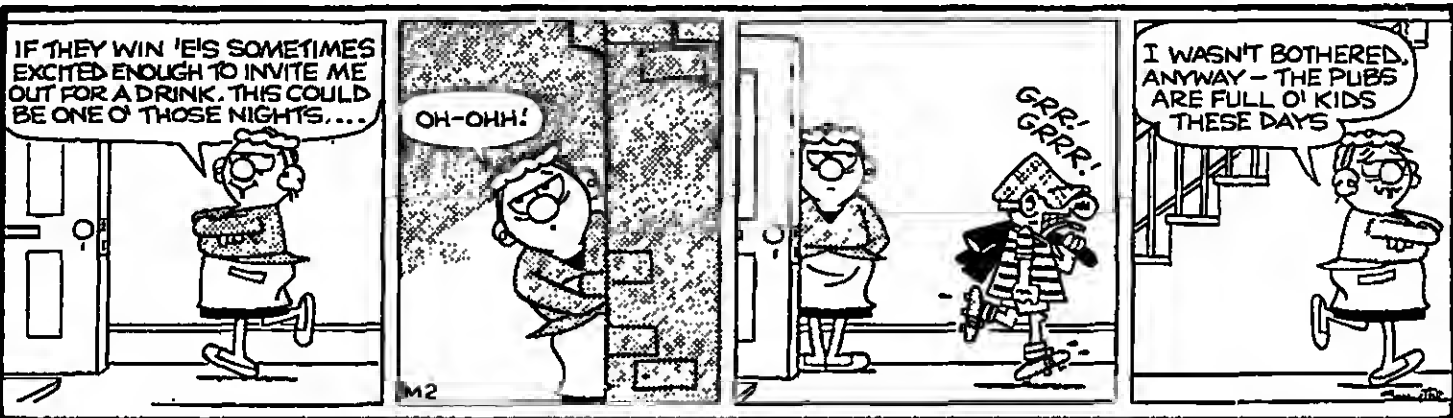
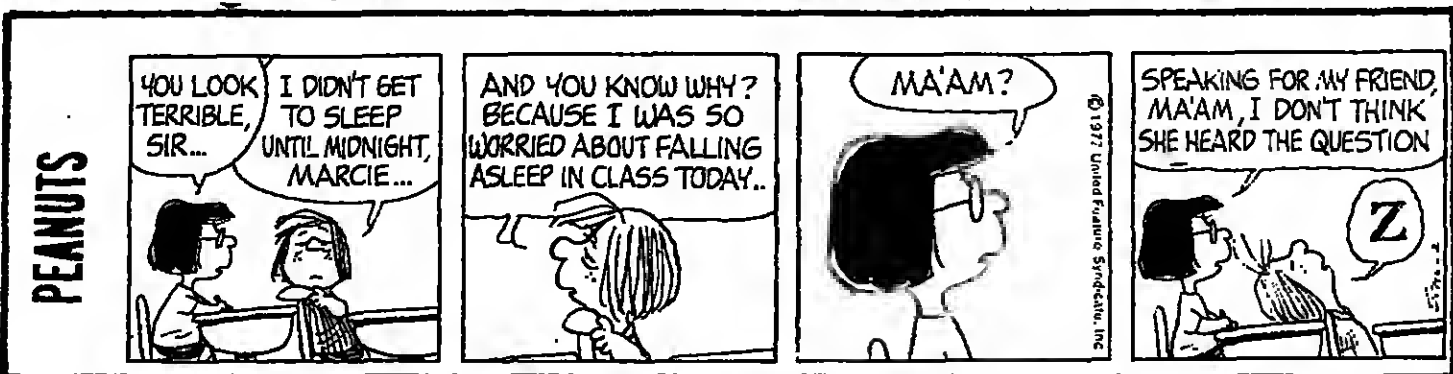
M. François Mitterrand, leader of the French Socialist Party



M. Georges Marchais, leader of the French Communist Party



M. Robert Fabre, leader of the French Radical Left



## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

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| Channel 5 & 6:  | 8:20 Wrestling   |
| 8:30 News bulletin  | 10:15 Arabic series  |
| 8:45 Cartoons   | Channel 6:   |
| 9:30 The Waltons  | 7:30 News in Hebrew  |
| 9:40 News in Arabic   | 7:40 Fuller  |
| 10:00 News in Arabic  | 8:30 Miss Jones and son  |
| Channel 3:  | 8:40 Roots   |
| 7:30 Survival   | 10:00 News in English  |
| 8:30 Arabic series  | 10:15 Kuwait Five-O  |
| RADIO JORDAN  |  |
| 7:00 Morning show   | 14:30 Rubayat Khayam   |
| 7:30 News bulletin  | 15:00 Concert hour   |
| 8:00 Morning show   | 16:00 Pop session  |
| 10:00 News headlines  | 17:00 Kallia and Dima  |
| 10:30 Folk songs  | 17:30 Pop session  |
| 10:50 Music for children  | 18:00 News summary   |
| 11:00 Signing off   | 18:05 The Crystal Pyramid  |
| 12:00 News headlines  | 18:30 30 minutes of Jazz   |
| 12:30 Pop session   | 19:00 News bulletin  |
| 13:00 News summary  | 19:10 News reports   |
| 13:05 Pop session   | 19:30 Signing off  |
| 14:00 News bulletin   |  |
| BEC RADIO   |  |
| 05:00 News; Press Review  | 14:30 Vintage Comedy   |
| 05:15 Radio Newswatch   | 15:00 Letterbox  |
| 05:30 The Face of England   | 15:00 News; Commentary   |
| 05:45 Am I too Loud?  | 16:15 Our Own Correspondent  |
| 06:00 News; Press Review  | 16:45 110 at the Villa   |
| 06:30 Sarah Ward Requests   | 17:00 News; Book Choice  |
| 07:00 News; News about Britain  | 17:15 My Music   |
| 07:15 Our Own Correspondent   | 17:45 Sports Call  |
| 07:30 The Melody Makers   | 18:00 News; News about Britain   |
| 07:45 The Intrusive State   | 18:15 Radio Newswatch  |
| 08:00 News; Reflections   | 18:30 India's Year of Change   |
| 08:15 The Pleasure's Yours  | 19:00 Radio Theatre  |
| 08:30 News; Press Review  | 19:45 Am I too Loud?   |
| 08:45 From the Weeklies   | 20:00 News; Commentary   |
| 09:00 New Ideas   | 20:15 Europe   |
| 09:45 Sports Review   | 20:30 Banners and Bombs  |
| 10:15 Take One  | 21:00 Let's go   |
| 10:30 Sunday Service  | 21:15 How to be a Musician   |
| 11:00 News; News about Britain  | 21:45 Theatre Call   |
| 11:15 Our Own Correspondent   | 22:00 News; Our Own Correspondent  |
| 11:30 News; News about Britain  | 22:30 Notes from an Observer; Reflections  |
| 12:30 Theatre of the Air  | 22:45 Sportscast   |
| 13:00 News; Commentary  | 23:00 News; Commentary   |
| 13:15 Letter from America   | 23:15 Letter from America  |
| 13:30 Short Story   | 23:30 India's Year of Change   |
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| 06:30 GMT: News, Regional and Topical Reports; VOA Current News Summary   | 18:00 Special English: News, Feature, Space and Man, News Summary, Music USA (Standards) |
| 07:30 GMT: An informal presentation of popular music with feature reports and interviews, answers to listeners' questions, Science Digest | 18:30 News Roundup, Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Analyses, News Summary                |
| 17:30 News Roundup, Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Analyses, News Summary   |  |
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| British Council   | " 36147-8  |
| French Cultural Centre  | " 37009  |
| Goethe Institute  | " 41983  |
| Soviet Cultural Centre  | " 44203  |
| Amman Municipal Library   | " 36111  |
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| Ambulance (government)  | Tel. 78111   |
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| Firstaid, fire, police  | " 19   |
| Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)   | " 36381-2  |
| Municipal water service (emergency)   | " 37111-3  |
| Police headquarters   | " 39141  |
| Najdah roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help  | " 21111, 37771   |
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**TENDENCIES:** A time of minor aspects — it is easy and doing the little things that can make for you, it is nevertheless possible for you to do of value done. You can take more time to mull matters over in your mind for by so doing you more accurate and satisfactory answers.

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study some practical aspects of your life and know how to have greater income in the future. Know where to make improvements to projects and plan them now. Be happy in social circles.

(Apr. 20 to May 20) Do whatever will improve the appearance and health. Then be out with good friends who could be of help to you in the future.

(May 21 to June 21) Work yourself out of conditions now and be happier, plan for a better future in the days ahead. Do favors for the most persons in your life.

(June 22 to July 21) Take time for that will give you prestige and make your life well. Make a bigwig understand you want more money, add to your income.

(July 22 to Aug. 21) It is best to handle small details even though you as a Leo are always concentrating on big. Situations come to the fore so that the best way to proceed.

(Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan time to study into subjects that can bring you greater success in the study a varying situation from all angles and come after the conclusion.

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Making new arrangements make you more prosperous and happy in the future. Avoid that troublemaker.

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Think over carefully projects that can come to a better agreement with partners. Work should be planned wisely. Show more family.

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Taking time to show devotion to persons who have been loyal and helpful also take treatments or exercise that can build energy.

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Get into pleasurable activities that relax you. Doing some creative work can give good results. Take that chip off your shoulder.

(Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) This is a good time to do all those small accumulated tasks at home, making that the family will appreciate.

(Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Look into outlets that bring hedge that is helpful to your way of life. Take time to see friends and relations. Use care in driving.

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# Ecevit, Karamanlis end summit with agreement to continue dialogue

MONTREUX, Switzerland March 11 (AP). — The premiers of Greece and Turkey, ending a two-day summit meeting, agreed today to continue efforts to seek "peaceful and just solutions" to disputes dividing the two nations. A brief joint communiqué said a "friendly and sincere dialogue" was established during the talks in this Lake Geneva resort town between Mr. Constantine Karamanlis of Greece and Mr. Bulent Ecevit of Turkey.

"The prime ministers agreed that each side will study the views of the other as expressed in the Montreux meeting so that at their next meeting they may pursue constructive dialogue."

"In the meantime, the review of these matters will proceed through normal channels."

The statement made no mention of specifics, but sources said the two premiers discussed Cyprus, oil exploration rights on the continental shelf of the Aegean Sea, Aegean air space and the problems of the Greek Orthodox minority in Turkey.

and the Moslem minority in Greece.

The two men held long private talks that started yesterday, went into a third round and ended today.

Mr. Ecevit told reporters: "We have succeeded in establishing mutual confidence."

Late last night the two leaders received reports of bomb attacks against the cars of Turkish and American diplomats in Athens. A Greek diplomat said he believed the attacks were directed against him.

The summit talks were not expected to produce concrete

results. For some time Mr. Ecevit has been stressing the importance of removing "psychological barriers" between the two North Atlantic Treaty Organisation members, which have moved to the brink of war twice since 1974.

The talks went into specific details on a number of bilateral issues, it was reported, but only briefly touched the Cypriot question.

## U.S. Evangelicals see Israeli occupation of Arab lands as a "fulfillment of Scripture"

NEW YORK March 11 (AP). — As far as the Bible is concerned, Israel includes the West Bank of the Jordan River, and the rise of modern Israel is a "fulfillment of Scripture", a panel of American Jews and Evangelical Christians says.

They made their comment at a Jews conference on issuance of a new, joint volume, Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation, detailing the growing, mutual ties between the two groups. The Rev. Dr. Marvin Wilson, a Baptist Professor of Biblical Studies at Gordon College in Massachusetts, said that from a Biblical perspective, as Evangelicals see it, Israel includes both Judea and Samaria -- as Israelis refer to the West Bank of the Jordan River, which was occupied by Israel during the 1967 war.

Panelists noted that although most Evangelical Christians back Israel's right to the Holy Land, U.S. President Jimmy Carter, himself an Evangelical believer, has been urging Israel to relinquish the West Bank in talks with Egypt. Evangelicals have placed ads in about 40 newspapers across the United States in recent weeks, citing scripture behind Israel's rights to the area.

Most Evangelicals see the rise of modern Israel as "fulfillment of Scripture," said Rev. Dr. Arnold Olson of Minneapolis, former President of the National Association of Evangelicals. Saying they also share with Jews hopes for the future in Israel, he added: "We may disagree when the Messiah comes whether it's his first trip or his second, but we agree it will be there."

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, Inter-religious Affairs Director for the American Jewish Committee, said President Carter's pressure on Israel should not be considered representative of attitudes of America's 50 million Evangelicals. He said millions of them "are among Israel's strongest supporters."

## Israel denies new law is anti-Christian

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP). — Israel's government, prompted by a complaint from American Jewish leaders, offered reassurances yesterday that a new, controversial law won't be used to restrict religious freedom of Christians.

A statement from Israel's minister of justice was relayed here by telephone after an unprecedented consultation between church representatives in Israel and government officials. "There is no intention whatsoever on the part of the Israeli government to restrict in any way religious freedom of the Christian community or any other community in Israel," the

statement said. It was in the form of a letter to Mr. Richard Maass, President of the American Jewish Committee, who had protested that "sweeping provisions" of the law appear "intended to intimidate the Christian community."

The law, passed by Israel's parliament last December, makes it a prison offence to offer material benefits to get anyone to change his religion or to accept such benefits for changing religions.

Amid widespread Christian apprehensions about the law, Mr. Maass last month wrote to Israeli Prime Minister Men-

achem Begin and Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, citing the dismay among many Christians who have been firm supporters of Israel.

He said in a telephone call relaying Mr. Tamir's letter that the Christian leaders were "vastly relieved" by government reassurances, and accepted Mr. Tamir's invitation to meet again in about six months to re-evaluate the situation.

Mr. Tamir's letter said Israel is fully committed to upholding rights of "freedom of religion and conscience, including the right to change belief." The new law, he added, aims only to prohibit the "promising or giving of material benefits in consideration for a change of religion... While we all share the opinion that any faith or belief should be a matter of free personal consideration and choice, we are convinced that any attempt to buy souls by means of material inducement is incompatible with our elementary human and religious principles."

After by the complaint, Israel's Attorney General, State Attorney and Justice Minister Tamir met with seven officers of the United Christian Council

in Israel in a consultation arranged by AJC's Israel representative, Bernard Resnikoff.

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## Judges in Bhutto trial threatened

LAHORE, March 11 (AP). — Three judges in the trial of deposed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto said shots were fired outside their homes, apparently in an attempt to intimidate them.

The judges also told police they received threatening telephone calls on Thursday and Friday nights informing them that the gunshots were "just a beginning" and "only the first salute."

Police said they were investigating the shots, but had made no arrests.

The judges serve in the Lahore High Court, where Mr. Bhutto was tried on a charge of ordering the slaying of a political opponent in 1974.

Mr. Bhutto appeared before another Lahore High Court justice today to answer charges of corruption during his five-and-a-half-year rule as prime minister, which ended with a bloodless military takeover last July.

But the hearing, on three of six corruption charges, was postponed until April after the judge agreed with Mr. Bhutto's lawyer that he was in no condition to go through another trial at this point.

Pakistan's military ruler, Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, has indefinitely delayed national elections to return the country to civilian control until all court cases against Mr. Bhutto are completed.

Justice Shafiqur Rehman is

hearing the six corruption cases, in which Mr. Bhutto is charged with misappropriating public money, misuse of power, illegal imports, illegal use of foreign exchange, violation of Bhutto-introduced land reforms and keeping 2,250 acres of land in violation of the law.

About 200 political workers, including supporters of Mr. Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party, were arrested in Karachi and other districts of Sind Province on Friday and today, the independent English daily newspaper Dawn reported.

There was no indication that the arrests were directly connected to the shootings in Lahore.

The arrests brought the total number of arrests in the area to more than 500 in three days, said the newspaper, which quoted police sources.

## U.S. Senate amends Panama Canal Treaty

WASHINGTON March 11 (AP). — The U.S. Senate yesterday voted to give the United States the right to intervene militarily, if necessary, to keep the Panama Canal open to the ships of all nations. With the support of the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate, the language was added to the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of the canal. The amendment was approved on a roll call vote of 84 to 5.

## Paris-Algiers ties pondered

PARIS, March 11 (R). — France has formally asked Algeria to start talks aimed at putting their troubled relations on a new footing, the Foreign Ministry said last night.

Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud informed Algerian Ambassador Mohammed Bed-

jaoui on Thursday the French government was ready to begin negotiations soon, it said. He also handed the ambassador a set of proposals to serve as a basis for negotiations.

According to the French government, the talks should deal with the principles to govern future Franco-Algerian relations as well as machinery to ensure their proper functioning and to adapt existing agreements to the new conditions.

In a television interview last month, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing acknowledged that bilateral relations had been difficult ever since Algeria became independent in 1962 after a bloody war against the colonial power. The said the Evian independence agreements were out dated and offered Algerians the chance to end its quarrels with France and establish a new relationship between the two countries.

## For how much longer can Beirut nerves survive?

By Bernd Debusmann

BEIRUT (R). — A balding, middle-aged Lebanese left Beirut's Hamra shopping area on a recent Thursday afternoon for the ten-minute drive to "the other side." He never made it home.

He died alone, in his blue, French-made saloon. He died on the Fouad Chehab Boulevard, the four-lane highway running between east and west Beirut. He was hit by a sniper.

Slumped behind the wheel, his head lolled out of the window with a slightly bemused expression, I passed him at 8:00 p.m. on my way to east Beirut and three hours later on the way back. There was no other traffic.

The Saturday newspapers identified him as "Phillippe Khoury, motorist," and said his body has only been removed on the morning after his death. If any other driver had passed him that night, no one was foolhardy enough to stop on the deserted highway.

The week Philippe Khoury died, along with about 150 other victims of bullets and shells, Lebanon went through another of its history. That week also showed once again that there are now two Beiruts.

### Divided city

Even as Arab peace-keeping soldiers and rightwing militiamen were busy killing each other on the eastern, rightists side of the city, spring sun

and end-of-winter sales were drawing crowds to Hamra, which travel writers used to describe as the "Fifth Avenue of the Middle East."

Business was not as good as the week before, when shoppers from "the other side" helped pack the smart boutiques. But it wasn't bad either.

Sitting in a sidewalk cafe on Hamra and watching all the girls go by, chic as ever, it was hard to imagine that a few miles east there was a little war going on -- on the other side.

"The other side" is an expression born in the 1975-76 civil war which killed about 60,000 but solved none of Lebanon's complex political, religious and social problems.

"The other side" first became part of the Beirut vocabulary when a jagged line split the city in halves, controlled by hostile fighting forces. Crossing the divide was a suicidal undertaking.

"The other side" is that part of the city where whoever is using the phrase doesn't live. For people in predominantly Moslem western Beirut, the other side is the Christian part of the city.

For the rightist Christians, the other side is western Beirut -- with Hamra, the American University, and most of the cinemas. Philippe Khoury, a Christian, lived in eastern Beirut. What compelled him to cross from one side to the other on a day of tension is unknown.

Fear

Even before long-smould-

ing rightist resentment against the mainly Syrian troops of the 30,000-strong Arab League peace force flared into fighting, there had been hardly any traffic between the two parts of Beirut after dark.

Nightly, bomb explosions had become so commonplace that the noise hardly interrupted dinner conversations. The bombs, usually placed in empty spaces, caused little damage but a lot of fear.

Fear is part of everyday life here, as are tranquillisers. They have been selling well ever since 1975, when the civil war started, but sales shot up recently.

### Nervous wrecks

"Beirut has been on the verge of a collective nervous breakdown for years," says a friend to east Beirut. "That's one of the reasons why the bloodletting is so difficult to stop once it starts here."

There are no statistics to prove it but Beirut must be the capital with the highest percentage of people talking to themselves. Sit in any public place for an hour or so and you will see someone talking to himself, usually someone relatively young.

The recent resumption of fighting brought night-time traffic from one side of Beirut to the other a halt -- and even curbed nightlife, something the bombs didn't manage to do.

But business is certain to pick up soon, unless there is bloodshed on a grand scale. On both sides of the dividing

line, nightclubs, restaurants and boutiques have reopened after the end of the 1975-76 war.

Those who are now snapping up sales bargains on Hamra -- an evening dress, for example, reduced by 50 per cent to the equivalent of \$500 -- must have an opportunity to show them off.

### Survival

One of east Beirut's "in" places, Le Doyen, opened last January and shut after the February fighting for repairs to plug bullet holes and replace shattered windows.

On the western side, unaffected by the latest bloodletting, one of the meeting places of "tout Beirut" is in the hotel district, near the burnt-out shells of the St. Georges, the Phoenix and the Holiday Inn.

The restaurant is even nearer a lesser-known hotel which survived the 1975-76 fighting and was taken over by people who lost their homes. The squatters lack the cash to replace blow-out window panes.

Grinding poverty check-by-check with conspicuous consumption helped make the civil war as vicious as it was. But the social inequalities of Beirut are now more glaring than ever.

However, a fashionable disco near the shattered hotel district has struck a blow for egalitarianism: every drink, from Pepsi and fruit-juice to choice highland malt, costs ten Lebanese pounds (\$3.20), service included.

## GORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAKSHARIF  
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Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠A ♠Q ♠AK1072 ♠A9864

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three diamonds. What action do you take?

A.—It would be delightful if you could double for penalties. Unfortunately, that bid is for takeout, and you are ill prepared to hear partner bid a major. Take a sure profit and pass. Your club suit is too ragged to merit as overall, and you have no source of tricks if you bid three no trump.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠8 ♠AKJ1063 ♠KJ109 ♠A6

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?

A.—The bidding has not developed in the way we had hoped. Still, partner must have some values because he acted over our jump to three hearts, which was not forcing. We have already told partner about our good hearts, and we can't raise spades with a singleton. Three no trump is a possibility, but our hand is too unbalanced for that. Bid four diamonds and hope you strike gold.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠7 ♠KJ6 ♠A1097642 ♠QJ

The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?

A.—Bid six diamonds. Look at the hand in this way: assume partner had opened the bidding with two no trump—actually he has shown a hand almost that good. You would certainly want to be in it, and there is no question that you would rather play in diamonds than in any other contract.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠A87532 ♠J1072 ♠AJ ♠6

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A.—If you chose to jump to four spades, you have made the underbid of the year. Four spades describes a hand with great distribution, good trump support and relatively little in high cards. In support of spades your hand revalues to 14 points, and you should show that by jumping to three spades.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠K10962 ♠7 ♠A7 ♠AKJ82

The bidding has proceeded: North East South West Pass 1 ♠ Dble. Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?

A.—Though partner is a passed hand, his two jumps put this hand in the slam range. Even if partner has no more in high cards than the ace-king of hearts and queen-jack of spades, you should be a favorite for slam. We would go ahead and bid six spades after checking for aces via Blackwood en route.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AQJ762 ♠K85 ♠AQ7 ♠7

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner's two-over-one response and our fit for his suit puts this hand into the slam zone. We should inform partner of our ambitions with a jump, and it is merely a question whether we jump in his suit or in ours. We prefer three spades, since it keeps the level of the auction lower and stresses our good major suit. Our intent is to support diamonds at our next turn, or bid four no trump if partner raises spades.

Q.7—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠8652 ♠KJ92 ♠J75 ♠63

The bidding has proceeded: East South West North 1 ♠ Pass Pass Dble. Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?

A.—We realize you don't have much of a hand, but listen to the auction. You have promised partner nothing, yet he has contracted for nine tricks. You hold a useful trump suit and a ruffing value in clubs. Bid four hearts.

Q.8—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AJ5 ♠93 ♠87 ♠AKQ982

The bidding has proceeded: East South West North 1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—There is a temptation to bid three no trump, but that would be a foolhardy action when you are wide open in both red suits. The correct approach is to show your spade stopper by cue-bidding three spades. That gives partner the chance to bid three no trump if he has values in the red suits.

## World News Briefs

Vorster detects less pressure on S.

POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa March 11 (AP). — Minister John Vorster said yesterday there were slight international pressure on South Africa is easing. S at a civic luncheon in his honouring, Mr. Vorster said confident that we have come to the small, small begin sensible relaxation in the pressure against us."

British-UAE ties discussed in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, March 11 (R). — British Deputy Foreign Secretary Frank Judd began two days of talks with United Arab Emirates (UAE) ministers here today on bilateral cooperation and Middle East developments. Mr. Judd, who arrived today conferred with the UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Rashid Al Nu'aimi, in the framework of a Joint Commission which meets twice a year at Abu Dhabi to review all aspects of economic, commercial and political relations between the two countries.

Provisional home rule for Spain's Galicia

MADRID, March 11 (AP). — The government yesterday approved a provisional home rule for Galicia, a four-province region in northwestern Spain. The provision was taken session under Premier Adolfo Suarez. The two other ready enjoying home rule are Catalonia and the Basque Country.

Spanish municipal elections delayed

MADRID, March 11 (R). — The opposition Socialists today to force early municipal elections in which have hoped to exploit a decline in popularity, attributed to economic troubles, of the government of Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez. The ruling Democratic Centre Union, led by Suarez, with support from the rightwing Popular Alliance, a party with parliament of a new local electoral law settling line for municipal polls.

Subarto's re-election causes protest in Jakarta

JAKARTA, March 11 (AP). — Scattered anti-government protests erupted today as Indonesia's legislature met to re-elect Subarto, the only candidate, to his third five-year term. Two thousands of high school students protesting his were arrested, and some were reported clubbed by police.

Latest French Mirage can make Mach 3

PARIS, March 11 (R). — The latest French combat jet, the Mirage Delta 2000, yesterday broke the sound barrier in mid-flight over southern France, its builders said. Designed to fly at Mach 2.3 or more than twice the speed of sound, the new aircraft yesterday at 12,192 metres at with Dassault's Chief Test Pilot Jean Courreau at the controls.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

YARPT

ENSOO

NEEVEL

CIRPAY

Print answer here: AN

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOVEL AFRE LOCATE FEEBLE

Answer: What the cattle rustler was — A BEEF!

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Football pass

8. Oplate

12. Halo

13. Infinity: He-brew

14. Bury

15. Succeed

17. French article

18. Slow-reacting person

20. Clitum

21. Ballistic missile

23. Defeat in competition

25. Artifice

27. Admission receipts

29. Neon symbol

DOWN

30. Type measure

31. Hydrocarbon radical

33. Maples

35. Absurd

37. Hawaiian loin cloth

39. Department in Peru

40. Start

42. Simian

45. Contribute

47. Diner

49. Of a period

50. Conduct

52. Clip

53. Interrupts

DOWN

1. Smoothened

2. Old French cloth measure

3. Industrial combinations

4. Ever poetic

5. Musical composition

6. Indefinite

7. Sail

8. Best combinations

9. Sail

10. Sail

11. Sail

12. Sail

13. Sail

14. Sail

15. Sail

16. Sail

17. Sail

18. Sail

19. Sail

20. Sail

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